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SUBJECT: REPORTED PLAN TO REFIT CENTURION TANKS

1. IN NOVEMBER 14 GLOBE AND MAIL, USUALLY WELL-INFORMED MILITARY CORRESPONDENT JOHN BEST CITES DEFENCE DEPARTMENT SOURCES TO EFFECT THAT PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO EXTEND LIFE OF CANADA'S CENTURION TANKS THROUGH 1985. PROPOSAL REPORTEDLY HAS APPROVAL OF CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF DEXTRAZE, AND HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO DEFMIN RICHARDSON. PLAN INCLUDES REPLACEMENT OF TURRET AND POWER PLANT, AND NEW ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, COSTING ABOUT \$250,000 PER TANK.

2. INCREASING DECREPITUDE OF CANADIAN CENTURIONS HAS BEEN NOTED IN PARLIAMENT AND PRESS. WHILE THERE NO INDICATION GOC HAS MADE DECISION ON ISSUE, PORPOSAL DESCRIBED BY BEST MIGHT APPEAR ATTRACTIVE AND RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE OPTION.
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